

Control of the Middle East Means Winning the War



BY DEWITT MAC KENZIE

London, Oct. 26. — The British offensive in Egypt may develop into one of the decisive engagements of the war, but at this early stage we must content ourselves with the fact that the Allies finally have seized the offensive there and that they have made considerable progress in fierce fighting.

The great stake involved is control of the Mediterranean and the Middle East. He who dominates this vital area will win the war.

Long ago, when the Russo-Nazi conflict first began, I was asked to give a standard whereby readers could gauge the daily progress of the war themselves.

I offered this: If Hitler could reach the lower Caucasus and the Middle East he would have gone far toward winning the war. This was so because he would have acquired rich oil fields and other resources without which he could not hope for victory.

Now, there was not only one but there were two possible routes for him to take. The first was to smash his way through the Russian lines and down the Caucasus. The other was to drive eastward across the drifting sands of Libya into Egypt and thence over the Suez canal into a happy hunting ground.

The Nazi aim — highest decided on a vast pincer movement. The left arm of the pincers was represented by his drive against the Russian Caucasus. The right prong was a Rommel's thrust against Egypt from Libya.

Well, the Fuhrer's left prong appears to have come a cropper against the cold waters of the Volga and the foothills of the snow-capped Caucasus mountains. His right claw, too, got held up because he couldn't give Rommel the support necessary to continue the offensive against Egypt.

Still, that Axis army remained a threat and the British finally are undertaking to remove it.

As things stand, if the Allies can drive the Boche and their unhappy Italian henchmen out of northern Africa, we shall have completed an operation which deprives Hitler of his already all but dead hope of wresting victory out of the war.

So that is what this battle is over and, if it seems to be moving slowly at the start, this isn't the moment for impatience.

We must recognize that this isn't the outset of one of the highly fluid, rapidly moving battles to which we have been accustomed.

Speed is likely to come in due course. However, that will be after the British have smashed the strong, fortified positions which the Axis forces have created to defend themselves against the drive which they could see developing, but which they weren't adequately prepared to meet.

The battle line now is confined in a comparatively narrow strip of desert between the Mediterranean on the north and the great Qattara depression on the south — and don't forget to get out those maps please.

Within this space lie many ridges. Among them the Germans and Italians have "dug themselves in" after the manner of the last war and have fortified their position strongly with mine fields and artillery.

As a result it wasn't possible for the Allies to follow the customary procedure of a head-on fighting and attack with the tanks leading. It would be suicidal for the tanks to rush in against emplaced artillery.

Thus we see Montgomery opening his way with a heavy bombardment from the air and artillery and by use of infantry in many places.

Market Report

ST. LOUIS LIVESTOCK
National Stockyards, Ill., Oct. 26 — (U. S. Dept. Agr.) — Hogs, 12,500; market 15-25 higher than average Friday; later trade active to all interests at full advance; bulk good and choice 180-300 lbs. 14.65-75; top 14.80; 160-180 lbs. 14.40-65; 140-160 lbs. 13.90-14.50; 100-140 lbs. 12.80-14.00; sows mostly 14.10-60.

POULTRY AND PRODUCE
Chicago, Oct. 26 (AP) — Poultry live 25 trucks; firm; hens; over 5 lbs. 22-1-2, 5 lbs and down 22, leg-horn hens 18-1-2; broilers 2-1-2

GRAIN AND PROVISIONS
Chicago, Oct. 26 — (AP) — Grain prices: wheat, down fractions to 14 mos to cent a bushel at 1-2 time today, rye leading the decline, and selling was on a very small scale and losses in some cases were reduced before the close.

Prices were depressed by hedging sales in the corn pit, liquidation of rye contracts due to poor commercial demand and the large supply of "free" grain available and failure of flour business to revive. Wheat flour business has been quiet ever since establishment of ceiling prices more than three weeks ago.

Small buying orders attributed to mills rallied wheat in final dealings and prices closed unchanged to 3-8 higher compared with Saturday, December \$1.24 1-2-3-8, May \$1.27-1-2-7, Corn finished 14-1-2, 3-8 lower, December 79-7-8-0, May 84-7-8-5; oats 1-4-1-2, 1-8-0; soybeans unchanged to 1-8 off; rye 12-3-4 down, December 65-12.

NEW YORK COTTON
New York, Oct. 26 — (AP) — Routine trade price fixing and scattered hedging in cotton futures kept fluctuations within a narrow range today.

Afternoon values were unchanged to 15 cents a bale higher, Dec. 18-24; March 18-37; May 18-47. Futures closed 15 to 25 cents a bale lower.

Jan. Opened 18.25 Closed 18.20-21 Jan. Opened 1.39 Closed 1.32-34 May Opened 18.47 Closed 18.41-42 May Opened 1.55 Closed 1.50-52 Oct Opened 18.60 Closed 18.59-60 Middling Spot 18.89, unchanged.

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is lowered to 18 years. I am very anxious that these boys may return victorious to a free America. The best way to assure this, in my opinion, is for us to cooperate fully with those in charge of the conduct of the war. This I intend to do with all my might. Even if at times, I believe them to be wrong, I will back them to the limit. If the hearings which are to be conducted develop facts showing that any restrictions on the sale of liquor are to be imposed, and if our military leaders recommend such restrictions, then I shall certainly vote for these restrictions. However, it is my present purpose to vote for the legislation recommended by our military leaders and against legislation which they do not recommend, because in no other way can we win this war.

The regular body granted permits today to haul gasoline from Batesville to Searcy, Batesville and Heber Springs, and to C. E. Ward, Damascus, to operate a bus line between Damascus and Conway over old U. S. Highway 65.

The Camp Chaffee Post Office, which operates a bus line between Fort Smith and Camp Chaffee over State Highway 22, asked the commission for authority to extend its operations over U. S. 71 and its operations over the new camp area. Hearing was set for Nov. 18.

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Livestock Show May be Halted for Duration

North Little Rock, Oct. 26 (AP) — Arkansas probably will not have the duration livestock show for the duration, announced today after chalking up a record attendance for the 1942 show that closed last night.

Miss Margaret Taylor, 16-year-old Fort Smith high school junior, was chosen rodeo queen of the show, defeating five other contestants. She was awarded a saddle, horse, saddle, bridle and blanket.

Pending final tabulations, show officials said at least 10,000 more persons visited the grounds during the week than in 1940 when a record attendance of 79,000 was registered.

More than \$20,000 in prizes were awarded livestock exhibitors and \$10,000 went to rodeo performers. Secretary — Manager Clyde Byrd, who has heretofore given most of his time to the year-round business of the show association said he planned to return to business and law practice in El Dorado after taking a short vacation.

Reminding visitors of last year's disastrous last night fire which destroyed most of the show's property and livestock, a blaze from an exploding gasoline container burned two showhouse employees on the midway last night but did not start a fire. A soldier in the crowd helped save one of the men and extinguish the burning ride motors.

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ran during October. The flow of the battle, in Stalingrad and the flank of the German line northwest of the city made it difficult to appraise the Russian position there.

Frontline dispatches via Moscow said that the Russians held fast in the Volga city as the Germans launched another assault after a heavy barrage, and in a fierce engagement marked at times by hand-to-hand combat, threw the enemy out of a factory property penetrated yesterday.

Whether the Russians had completed nullified the German occupation of two additional streets in Stalingrad was not clear. The Germans yesterday were reported to have won the streets at a cost of 3,000 German dead.

Northwest of Stalingrad, an additional number of blockhouses and trenches were reported occupied by the Russians as they pressed the German flank to ease direct pressure on Stalingrad.

A report of an Indian summer had brought a lull in the fierce fighting at Stalingrad but elsewhere on the Russian front winter was closing in.

The Germans said that several artillery hits had been scored on the Russian battleship Marat in the bay of Leningrad but there was no sign of major operations in Russia except in the Stalingrad area.

Even in the Mordok area of the Caucasus, focus of the Germans' southernmost drive, the enemy had quit attacking, "exhausted by heavy losses," the Russians said.

School Bus Driver Would Haul Workers
Little Rock, Oct. 26 (AP) — A contract school bus operator asked the Corporation Commission today for authority to supplement his operations by hauling regular passengers over the route during the winter emergency.

C. L. Burke, Dewitt, who brings high school students from Gillett, Tichnor and Nady to classes in Dewitt, said he planned to make another run over the same territory after the morning school trip. Hearing on his application was set for Nov. 19.

The commission said it had had several other inquiries regarding similar operations because of the growing transportation problem.

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Army Trains Sled Dogs for Snowy Trails



Silhouetted against a background of autumn beauty, U. S. Army sled dogs train on the shore of a lake at the foot of Mt. Chocorua, New Hampshire. (Passed by Army censor.)

Court Backs Up Ruling on Overtime Pay

Washington, Oct. 26 — (AP) — The Supreme Court refused today to reconsider its five to four ruling that a company paying a regular weekly salary above the amount required by the wage hour law may compute overtime on the basis of an hourly wage fixed by contract with the employees.

The tribunal also declined to reconsider an eight to one decision that, in the absence of such a contract, the wagehour law required timeandahalf pay for overtime on the basis of the irregular pay rate.

Both decisions were delivered on June 8. The five to four ruling, involving the Dallas Morning News, was by Justice Byrnes, who recently resigned to become economic stabilization director.

The eight to one opinion, by Justice Reed, involved the Over night Motor Transportation Company, Inc., of Baltimore.

Solicitor General Charles Fahy asserted that the decision in the Dallas News case was "erroneous" and "offers strong support to schemes designed to evade the requirements of the act."

Among other actions today, the court refused to review a decision holding that the trademark for Life Magazine, the word "Life" in white block letters against a flame red background, had not been infringed by a company distributing cereal. Time Incorporated, distributor of Life magazine, contended in its supreme court petition that the Vobin Corporation of Monticello, Ill., "distributes a cereal under the name Life in white block letters against a flame red background, adding in inconspicuous form the word 'of wheat.'"

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"the transportation of non-portable equipment used in making news reels."

The eligibility base was broadened in the college teachers and school officials whose duties require travel from one institution to another. The eastern plan allowed preferred mileage only to public school officials, but the new plan gives the same status to teachers and officials of parochial and other recognized schools.

The new plan also provides preferred mileage for the collection of scrap material, and for certain Red Cross officials.

Cotton Ginnings Show Big Hike in Nation
Washington, Oct. 26 (AP) — The census bureau reported today that cotton of this year's growth ginned on Oct. 18 totaled 8,181,839 running bales, counting gound as half baled and excluding linters, compared with 8,357,017 bales a year ago, and 7,927,189 bales two years ago.

Ginnings by states, with comparative figures for a year ago, follow: Alabama 727,057 and 668,877; a year ago; Arizona 8,950 and 8,944; Arkansas 936 and 1,028,405; California 32,382 and 66,022; Florida 13,724 and 13,770; Georgia 685,386 and 532,039; Illinois 2,579 and 3,983; Kentucky 1,018 and 12,344; Louisiana 495,786 and 277,754; Mississippi 1,457,609 and 1,197,129; Missouri 289,069 and 357,076; New Mexico 24,585 and 17,793; North Carolina 396,857 and 397,231; Oklahoma 332,768 and 231,564; South Carolina 524,021 and 324,839; Tennessee 387,621 and 455,092; Texas 1,799,889 and 1,211,778; Virginia 11,055 and 11,562.

Funeral Today for Okalona Resident
Funeral services for G. S. Cline, 74, who died at his home at Okalona last Saturday will be held at 3 o'clock this afternoon at the family home in Okalona with the Herndon-Cornelius Funeral Home in charge.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Bettie Cline of Okalona.

Pluff, 65, 101; Lafayette, Lewisville, 16, 851; Lincoln, Star City and Varner, 19, 709; Nevada, Prescott, 19, 869; Ouachita, Camden, 31, 151; Union, El Dorado, 50, 61.

Business Clinic to Hold First Meet Tonight

A business clinic will be held tonight at 7:30 at the Chamber of Commerce Hall for all merchants who are interested in a round table discussion regarding Personnel Problems during the present war emergency.

This conference is to be prior to the sales training conferences for the balance of the week held especially for salespeople who are now employed and for ones who will likely work regular or as extras during the holidays. This is only a 10 hour course designed to help the employers and merchants train their employees in War Time Problems of Retailing. Upon successful completion of this training a certificate is issued which is recognized by retailers in the 48 states.

Several persons have enrolled at the high school and the U. S. Employment Service. It is urged that all interested salespeople or prospective salespeople meet tonight at 7 at the City Hall for registration and organization of the different groups.

Vernie Pitts and Miss Evelyn Shaufhauser from the State Department of Education, Little Rock, will conduct the school. This program is being sponsored through the Vocational Program of the Hope High School and the local Chamber of Commerce.

More than 50 people have registered for commercial work at the high school.

This part of the vocational program will begin tonight at 7 o'clock at the high school commercial department. Instructors will be Mrs. Irma Dean, commercial instructor at the high school, and Miss Wylie Wimberly of the U. S. Employment Service. Tonight will be given to organization and scheduling. All persons interested should enroll tonight because it will be difficult to start a new group in beginning work any time soon.

London — The Rome radio was heard today broadcasting a denial of reports published abroad that King Victor Emanuel was ill.

Washington — Senator Barkley of Kentucky, Senate majority leader, and Speaker Rayburn will make pre-election radio speeches this week and for the Democratic national committee.

SKIN ERUPTIONS
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Tabernacle Revival Is in Second Week

The revival at the Hope Gospel Tabernacle entered its second week with large crowds in both the Sunday morning and night services. This revival conducted by Evangelist and Mrs. Keeth Jones, promises to be one of the best ever held in the Hope Gospel Tabernacle, Rev. J. E. Hamill said.

Monday night has been designated as musical night at which time a special musical program will be presented. Among those appearing on the program will be Rev. and Mrs. Bird H. Campbell of Little Rock and Rev. and Mrs. Joseph Sharp, El Dorado, as well as Mrs. Jones and the Tabernacle staff of singers and musicians.

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